



# PARENT BULLETIN

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## Week of November 19-24, 2017



Peer Tutoring is available to all Grade 9 students on Tuesdays and Thursdays  
during Period 3 in the Library. Come join us!



<b>Sunday, Nov. 19th</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>DECA—The York Regional Competition for individual and team decision making events, at Ryerson University (55 Dundas Street) .</li></ul>
<b>Monday, Nov. 20th</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Boys Hockey team to RJ Clatworthy arena for game vs. St. Robert CHS: game time 2:30 pm, leaving 1:00 pm, leaving location 4:15 pm.</li><li>School Council Meeting, 7:00 pm in Library. All are Welcome! Please join us!</li></ul>
<b>Tuesday, Nov. 21st</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Peer Tutoring for all Grade 9 students during lunch (period 3) in the Library.</li></ul>
<b>Wednesday, Nov. 22nd</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Canadian Intermediate &amp; Senior Mathematics Contest during period 1 &amp; 2 in Cafeteria.- Mr. Healy</li><li>Grade 10 OSSLT Literacy Activity during period 4.</li><li>DECA General Information Meeting, 3:00 pm in the Cafeteria. - Mrs. Webber</li></ul>
<b>Thursday, Nov. 23rd</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Art group to “One of a Kind” Show, leaving 9:00 am, leaving location 1:30 pm. —Mrs. Fung</li><li>Peer tutoring for all Grade 9 students during lunch (period 3) in the Library.</li><li>Mock Trial Club meeting, 3:00 pm in Room 226.</li><li>SAC Semi-Formal Dance -A Whole New World at the Peter &amp; Paul Banquet Hall. Event is by ticket only and runs from 5:00 pm until 10:00 pm.</li><li>Computer Science Club meeting after school in room 155-Mr. Berry</li><li>Full disclosure to Universities. See Message from Guidance on page 2.</li><li>Homework Club 1st meeting after school in the Library. See message on page 2 of this bulletin. —Mrs. Wheatley</li></ul>
<b>Friday, Nov. 24th</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>PA Day—No Classes</li></ul>

## Upcoming Events: November 27– December 1, 2017

<b>Monday, Nov. 27th</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>SHSM ICE (Innovation, Creativity and Entrepreneurship) Training at Southlake Hospital</li><li>Girls Hockey team to Aurora Family Leisure Complex, leaving 1:30 pm, leaving location 4:30 pm: game time 3:00 pm —Mr. Howard</li></ul>
<b>Tuesday, Nov. 28th</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>SHSM Tour 4 Humanity on site all day.</li><li>Peer tutoring for all Grade 9 students during lunch (period 3) in the Library.</li><li>Boys Hockey team hosts St. Augustine CHS at Markham Village Arena: game time 2:30 pm, leaving 1:30 pm, leaving location 4:15 pm.</li><li>Math League in Room 224 at 3:00 pm.</li></ul>
<b>Wednesday, Nov. 29th</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Drama/SHSM to Second City, leaving 9:00 am, leaving location 2:00 pm—Ms. Duncan</li><li>DECA Meeting, 3:00 pm - Mrs. Webber</li><li>Parent Engagement Night , Jennifer Kolari-Anxiety and the Overachiever 6:30 pm at Markville SS in the Cafeteria —see page 10</li></ul>
<b>Thursday, Nov. 30th</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Peer tutoring for all Grade 9 students during lunch (period 3) in the Library.</li><li>Locks of Love/School Barber in Periods 2 &amp; 3 in Cosmetology Room #153.</li><li>Girls Hockey team to Stouffville Clippers Sports Complex game vs. Stouffville District SS at 3:00 pm, leaving 2:00 pm, leaving location 4:15 pm—Mr. Howard</li><li>Mock Trial Club meeting, 3:00 pm in Room 226</li><li>Computer Science Club meeting after school in room 155– Mr. Berry</li></ul>
<b>Friday Dec. 1st</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Financial Aid Presentation during P 4 in Library for walk ins &amp; P 5 in cafeteria for all Gr.12</li></ul>



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## ATTENDANCE REMINDER



Parents/Guardians are reminded to report all late or absent notices to the Attendance Office by calling 905-294-1886, option 1 or emailing [markham.dhs@yrdsb.ca](mailto:markham.dhs@yrdsb.ca).

**Should your student be absent for more than 3 days, an extended absence form must be signed by each subject teacher, parent/guardian and the Vice-Principal prior to leaving on vacation.**

## *Messages from Guidance*

**Attention all guardians/parents and students!** Now is the time to make your course changes for semester 2. Courses are starting to fill up quickly, so if you're thinking of making a change, please make an appointment via TeachAssist with your guidance counselor as soon as possible. When semester 2 begins, course changes will be limited and no elective courses will be changed. Thank you, the guidance team.

Full disclosure date is Thursday, November 23.

There will be a financial aid presentation for all **grade 12** students during period 5 on **Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup>**. There will also be an opportunity for both grades 11 and 12 students to drop in during period 4 in the library to hear the same presentation. During this important presentation, students will learn: the cost of College/University; the importance of applying for scholarships & bursaries ;the new application process for OSAP.

### Save the Date:

**December 6:** College Information Session #2: "Applying to College"

**December 14:** Grade 8 Open House

### Upcoming SHSM Events include:

**November 27:** SHSM ICE (Innovation, Creativity and Entrepreneurship) Training at Southlake Hospital  
\*Registration is available on a first come first serve basis to students in the Health and Wellness sector.

**November 29:** Second City  
\*Open to all SHSM students to earn certificates in Customer Service and Communication skills.

**December 4:** SHSM Transportation students to the Electric Vehicle Discovery Centre

**December 6:** SHSM ICE (Innovation, Creativity and Entrepreneurship) Training at Markham YSpace with SafeTALK  
\*Registration is available on a first come first serve basis to students in the Health and Wellness sector.

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## *Parent Engagement Night*

**Parent Engagement Night**, speaker - Jennifer Kolari "Anxiety and the Overachiever", November 29  
at Markville Secondary School, 6:30 pm in the Cafeteria (see page 10).

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## *Message from Homework Club*

It is time for the Homework Club to start up again. If your child is looking for a supportive environment in which to complete homework, or work on assignments, the homework club is the place to be. We meet Tuesdays and Thursdays after school in the library. All students are welcome. A staff supervisor will be there to help with ideas and time management issues. If you have any questions, please email [sarah.wheatley@yrdsb.ca](mailto:sarah.wheatley@yrdsb.ca). Our first meeting will be Thursday, November 23rd.— Ms. Wheatley (see page 11)



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## *Messages from Special Education Department*

Please see page 4 for information regarding Individual Education Plans-Christine Cairns (Special Education Department Head).

Students with SEA technology please see the flyer on page 5 regarding the Ignite Technology Grant. More information can be found on [www.yrdsb.ca/ignite](http://www.yrdsb.ca/ignite)

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## *Message from DECA*

**The York Regional Competition for individual and team decision making events, is scheduled for Sunday, November 19 at Ryerson University (55 Dundas Street), and involves about 30 members in those categories.** There will also be workshops that members can participate in while at Ryerson University if they have signed up in advance. Parents are responsible for transportation to and from Ryerson University.

**There is a full DECA Membership Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, November 22nd at 3:00 pm in the school cafeteria.** This is when members who have qualified for the Provincial Competition in February will find out all pertinent information and costs. -Colleen Webber, DECA Staff Advisor

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## *Ski & Snowboard Club*

Student Information Meeting: Wednesday, November 22nd, Room 164, First 30 minutes of Periods 3 or 4.

Students will bring home a cover sheet outlining all excursions (dates, times, venues). All forms and waivers will be downloaded from a Google Classroom. All fees, forms and waivers must be paid/submitted by the holidays as the first outing is scheduled for Thursday, January 11.

-Advisors: Colleen Webber, Donna Flowers, Dustin More, Tyler Murphy, Tara Kapeluch, Kristin Towns, Allison Sebastian, Graham Fife, Nai Zhang

**Station Ski and Ride** is hosting all MSHS Ski and Snowboarders on Tuesday, Dec. 5th between 5:00 and 9:00 pm. Please see flyer on page 12 of this bulletin.

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## *Message from the Co-op department*

Please see the attached poster on page 13 regarding MDHS's Co-op website.

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## *Message from York Region Public Health*

Flu Season is on its way. Are you Ready? See flyer on page 14.



# MARKHAM DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

89 Church Street  
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Tel: 905.294.1886  
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Dear Parent/Guardian:

A copy of your student's I.E.P. (Individual Education Plan) for this year is now complete and has been given to your student. The complete IEP is for your records. After reviewing the IEP with your student, please complete the Consultation Form. This form is your opportunity to be consulted in the development of their IEP and comment on their strengths and needs. The IEP is a working document and can be changed at any point in the school year. Please return the Consultation Form to the school. It can be dropped off at the main office, your student can give it to their Special Education Resource Teacher (SERT) in room 112, or you can email directly to the SERT named on page one of the IEP.

A copy of their accommodations has already been made available electronically to their teachers. It is important that your student know and understand their IEP. If they have any questions, please have them speak to their SERT.

If you have any questions or concerns about your student's progress in their courses, please contact the classroom teacher. Most teachers provide time for extra help during lunch or afterschool. Please have your student speak directly to their subject teacher for specific dates and times. Encourage your student to seek help when required.

To help your student be successful this school year, encourage them to spend time each night reviewing their class notes, doing homework, organizing their notebook, working on assignments or reading their text book. These are all homework strategies that will make a difference in their achievement. Many teachers use Moodles or Google classroom where notes and assignments are posted. Ask your student for instructions to access these sites. Also, student marks are updated regularly on *teachassist*.

Accommodations are provided to students that will be writing the grade 9 math EQAO and the grade 10 OSSLT – Literacy Test. Please refer to the "Accommodations" page at the bottom which lists the accommodations allowed specifically by EQAO.

Thank you,

Special Education Department



# IGNITE TECHNOLOGY GRANT

FOR STUDENTS WITH SEA TECHNOLOGY



The Ignite Technology Grant is designed to create **leadership opportunities**, hone **communication skills**, and increase **self-esteem** for students with SEA equipment within their school community.

The goal is to bring **awareness** to the effective and successful use of technology in our Modern Learning environment.

**Ignite your school and community now!**  
Go to [www.yrdsb.ca/ignite](http://www.yrdsb.ca/ignite) now to learn how!

IGNITE TECHNOLOGY GRANT IS PROVIDED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH LEARNSTYLE LTD.



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## Markham District H.S. is accepting online payments through School Cash ONLINE!

School Cash Online provides the following benefits:

- A convenient fee payment option that saves time
- Reduces paper
- No more need to send cash or cheques to school
- A quick way to register. It takes less than 5 minutes to register.

Parents that opt to participate will receive notification via email of student fees owed (both required and optional), and can make secure online payments by credit card or Interac and receive a receipt.

To view a presentation about the program, go to <http://www.kevsoftware.com/movies/ParentRegEnglish/>.

## Follow the easy steps on the next page to register and get started!



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**School Cash ONLINE**  
[www.schoolcashionline.com](http://www.schoolcashionline.com)



[Disclaimer](#)

## Step 1: Register

Click on the School Cash Online button on our school's website  
<http://MarkhamDistrict.HS.yrdsb.ca/>  
and select the **"Get Started Today"** button.

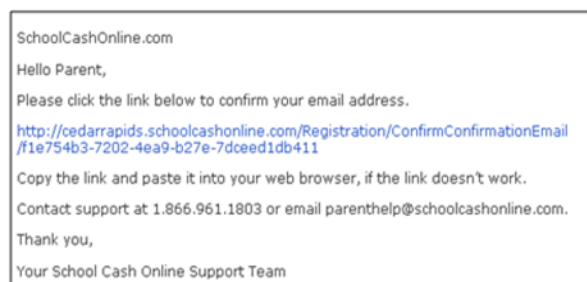
Complete each of the three Registration Steps

**\*For Security Reasons your password, requires 8 characters, one uppercase letter, one lowercase letter and a number.**



## Step 2: Confirmation Email

A registration confirmation email will be automatically forwarded to you. Click on the link provided inside the email to confirm your email and School Cash Online account. The confirmation link will open the School Cash Online site prompting you to sign into your account. Use your email address and password just created with your account.



## Step 3: Find Student

**NOTE: A STUDENT NUMBER IS REQUIRED**

*This step will connect your children to your account.*

Enter the School Board Name  
Enter the School Name  
Enter Your Child's Student # and Last Name  
Select **Continue**

On the next page confirm that you are related to the child, check in the Agree box and select **Continue**  
Your child has been added to your account

## Step 4: View Items or Add Another Student

If you have more children, select **"Add Another Student"** option and repeat the steps above. 5 children can be added to one parent account.

If you do not wish to add additional children, select **"View Items For Students"** option. A listing of available items for purchase will be displayed.

## NEED HELP?

If you require assistance, select the **GET HELP** option in the top right hand corner of the screen or contact School Cash Online – Parent Help Desk at 1-866-961-1803 or [parenthelp@schoolcashionline.com](mailto:parenthelp@schoolcashionline.com).





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## Flu Season is on its way – are you ready?



Flu season is nearly here. Be prepared by getting the flu shot as early as possible.

The first and best step to preventing influenza (the flu), is to get the flu shot every year. Influenza spreads quickly and easily from an infected person to others.

Everyone six months of age and older can get the flu shot.

Flu shots are available at:

- Health care provider's offices for people six months of age and older
- Participating pharmacies, for people five years of age and older

Visit [ontario.ca/flu](https://ontario.ca/flu) to find where you can get the flu shot.

How can the flu be avoided?

- Get the flu shot!
- [Wash your hands](#) well and often with soap and warm water. If soap and water are unavailable, use an alcohol-based [hand sanitizer](#)
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze and throw the tissue out immediately. Wash your hands afterward. Cough into your upper sleeve if you don't have a tissue.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth
- Avoid large crowds and stay home when you are sick
- Keep common surfaces and items clean and disinfected

To learn more about flu and the flu vaccine visit [york.ca/flu](https://york.ca/flu)

**Community and Health Services**  
Public Health



# Markville Secondary School

## Parent Engagement Night

Connected Parenting

11/29/2017

Jennifer Kolari, M.S.W., R.S.W

### *Anxiety and the Overachiever* What role do parents play?

We are all born hardwired for how we handle anxiety, some of us are not anxious at all; some of us are very anxious. Life events and experiences can push us up or down the stress continuum. Some stress is good, as it allows us to make good, safe choices but we want to make sure that our children control their stress so it doesn't control them and develop into anxiety. We want to raise resilient children who can manage personal and family

pressures to succeed, and be able to participate fully in their lives.

During this presentation, you will learn about teens and anxiety, how to spot the warning signs, and what you as a parent can do to ease the pressures that cause stress and may develop into anxiety.

### *Parent Engagement Night*

*Markville Secondary School  
1000 Carlton Rd, Markham  
November 29, 2017; 6:30 - 8:00pm  
Cafeteria*

Using anecdotes, humor, and sample dialogue, the audience will be introduced to the Connected Parenting model. Both theory and practice will be explained step-by-step. Participants will leave inspired with practical and useful strategies to try as soon as they get home.

### *Jennifer Kolari*

About the speaker

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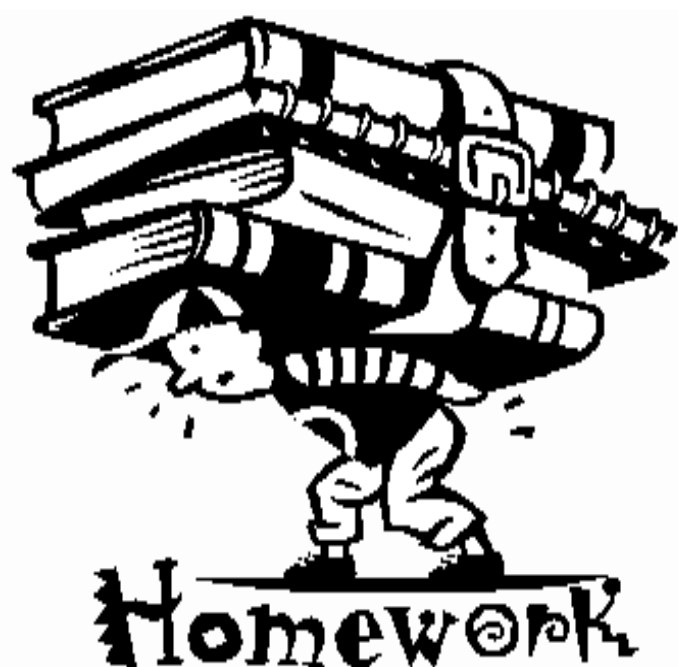
Child and Family Therapist, Jennifer Kolari is one of the nation's leading parenting experts and the founder of Connected Parenting. Author of *How To Raise A Great kid* and *You're Ruining My Life! (But Not Really) Surviving the Teenage Years*, Kolari was the Parenting expert on CBC's Steven and Chris show, and has appeared on Canada AM and Breakfast Television. Her advice can be found in many magazines. She is on the health advisory board for Chatelaine Magazine. Her entertaining workshops and insightful strategies make her a highly sought-after speaker with schools and agencies throughout North America. Kolari has been helping children, teens and families get connected for over twenty years.



## MDHS Homework Club

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**DO YOU STRUGGLE WITH TIME  
MANAGEMENT?  
WOULD YOU PREFER TO RE-  
LAX WHEN YOU GET HOME?  
IS GETTING STARTED ON A  
PROJECT DIFFICULT?  
COME TO THE LIBRARY EVERY  
TUESDAY AND THURSDAY AF-  
TER SCHOOL FOR A SUP-  
PORTED AND SUPERVISED  
OP.**







# **Station Ski & Ride**

**is hosting all**

**MDHS Ski and Snowboarders**

**on Tuesday, Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> 2017**

**Visit between 5:00 pm and 9:00 pm to receive  
discounts on equipment tuning and new  
merchandise**



**Station Ski & Ride - 227 Main Street, Markham**

**905-471-7547**